



PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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SUMMER 2010 NEWSLETTER

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Historical Society Garden Tour Planned

Portland's Secret Garden Tour, hosted by the Portland Historical Society, will be held Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with a rain date of June 13. Your ticket allows you to tour the grounds and gardens of eight private Portland properties, plus the Betty Keser Scott Garden at the Ruth Calander House Museum of Portland History, and the Japanese Garden at Wheeler Farm Gardens. Each beautifully landscaped garden is sure to inspire and delight horticulture enthusiasts as well as amateur gardeners and homeowners! Guides will be available at each home to take visitors through the gardens.

The tour will include light refreshments and a boutique that will offer garden-inspired gifts including handmade crafts, vintage jewelry, houseplants, and herbs. The boutique, where light refreshments will be served, will be open from noon to 4 p.m.

See page 3 to order
Secret Garden
Tour Tickets

The committee is looking for volunteers to help on the day of tour to serve as guides at the homes featured on the tour. Donations of baked goods from Society members to be served at the garden reception would be greatly appreciated. Please call Sue at 860-342-0433.

Advance tickets are \$20 for the public, and \$15 for Society members. All tickets are \$25 on the day of the tour (available only at Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History, 492 Main Street, Portland, CT.) Advance tickets can be purchased by mailing the order form provided on page 3, or by calling Sue, 860-342-0433; Deb, 860-342-1927; or Martha, 860-342-3212. Tickets are also available at the Museum on open days.

Funds raised from the event will benefit the programs and the operation of the Society's Museum.

Please join us for what promises to be a very enjoyable day!

The Garden Tour Committee



One of the Garden Tour's offerings is shown in these three photos: The Lanes' property is located on the former Ira Cornwall farm and features an assortment of perennial gardens, including a 50' bed of peonies, a sunken garden crafted in the foundation of the cow barn which once stood on the property. Special garden accents include an arched trellis, sunflower stepping stones, and walkways made by Richard Lane.

*In loving memory of Historical Society members and supporters
who passed away in recent years*

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Spring 2010 Programs - Regina Woltmann

May 25 - Portland Library - "Connecticut's Civil War" - Sharon Smith will present a program about Connecticut's contributions to the Civil War effort, including related museums, monuments, and forgotten locations where necessity and heroism came together, such as Portland's Gildersleeve Ship Yards.

June 22 - Portland Senior Center - Join us at 6 pm for an indoor pot-luck picnic followed by musical entertainment provided by Rick Spencer, Museum Director, historian and researcher. He will present a program on "A Songwriter from Connecticut: The Civil War Era Music of Henry Clay Work." Work, who grew up in Middletown, was one of the most popular songwriters of the Civil War era.

Members are asked to bring a casserole or salad to serve 6-8 people along with their own set-ups. The Executive Board will provide dessert and beverages.

Call for Museum Volunteers - Gene Sullivan

We are in need of volunteers to serve as docents at the museum on Sunday, June 6 or August 1, from 2:00 pm. to 4:00 pm. Also, on Saturday, June 12, during Portland's Secret Garden Tour, the museum will need volunteers for 2 hour periods between 10:00 am. and 4:00 pm. Anyone able to assist can call Gene Sullivan at (860) 342-0306 or e-mail: teamsullivan1@comcast.net. We're just looking for an hour or two of commitment! What a great opportunity to see the latest exhibit while at the same time assisting the Historical Society!

Call for Photos - Exhibit Committee

The Exhibit Committee is working on a Schools and Graduations exhibit and is interested in photos, pro-

grams or related items. We will scan and return any photos to you. A question from the Committee: Were there any Senior Class Trips after the mid 1950s? Did they take any trips during the war years? If you have items you would be willing to loan, please call (860) 342-0303 or email: PortlandHistSoc@yahoo.com.

Successful Tag Sale - Eleanor Crowther

The fundraiser was well received in spite of the rain, thanks to the many volunteers, tag sale participants and shoppers. Though the final figures aren't in, the Tag Sale Day has again provided over \$5,000 for Society projects.

Customers at Portland Historical Society's bake sale found fabulous offerings that generous bakers provided. The delicious-looking baked goods were almost gone by lunchtime when hot dog lovers enjoyed a mid-day break and finished off the goodies.

All types of items were available throughout the town, as avid buyers took out their umbrellas and raincoats and braved the storms. Most tag sales were held in garages, and under canopies, some even moved into their houses.

Thanks to all of you who supported this event in every way. We can't do it without you.



The Hemlock Grange parking lot was filled with tag sales, customers and cars; it was the Tag Sale Trail beginning and a place to find great food on Sale Day.

THE PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Presents

Portland's Secret Garden Tour and Garden Boutique



Saturday, June 12th

(Rain Date: Sunday, June 13th)

10 AM - 4 PM

Light Refreshments

Please join us for a self-guided tour of eight private gardens as well as the Japanese Garden at Wheeler Farm Gardens and the Betty Keser Scott Garden at the Ruth Callander House Museum of Portland History. Indulge in a little shopping at our boutique of garden gift items including decorative birdhouses, teacup feeders, floral note cards, vintage jewelry, houseplants, herbs, etc. All proceeds will benefit the programs of the Portland Historical Society and operation of the Society's Museum.

Advance tickets are \$20, \$15 for Society members and \$25 the day of the tour (available only at RCH Museum, 492 Main St.) Advance tickets can be purchased by mailing the order form below or by calling Sue, 860-342-0433, Deb, 860-342-1927, or Martha, 860-342-3212. Tickets also available at the Museum on open days.

ORDER FORM: PORTLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY GARDEN TOUR

Saturday, June 12, 2010 - 10 AM to 4 PM

Name _____ No. of Tour Tickets Ordered _____ Total \$ _____
Address _____ Make check payable to: Portland Historical Society
City, State, Zip _____ P.O. Box 98, Portland, CT 06480-0098

CALENDAR

All programs are held at the Portland Library,
Mary Flood Room, at 7:30 pm., unless otherwise indicated.

May 25 - "Connecticut's Civil War" by Sharon Smith

June 7 - Portland Exhibit - Museum open 2-4 pm

June 12 - Portland's Secret Garden Tour - 10 am - 4 pm

June 22 - Potluck Supper & Musical Entertainment -
"A Songwriter from Connecticut: The Civil War Era
Music of Henry Clay Work" by Rick Spencer
at Portland Senior Center

Members are asked to bring a casserole or salad to serve 6-8
people along with their own set-ups. The Executive Board
will provide dessert and beverages.

July 4 - Museum closed for holiday

August 1 - Portland Exhibit - Museum open 2-4 pm

For further details, watch
the Rivereast News Bulletin.

CALLANDER HOUSE CUPBOARD

- 2010 Calendar - *Farming Scenes of Portland*...\$8
- Portland Scenes -- Tile \$12 -- Mug \$9.50
- Mahogany Penholder with Pen.....\$12
- Portland Recipes and Reflections.....\$8
- Letters to Harry by Pru Taylor and TJ Palmer.....\$25
- Coloring & Activity Book of Portland History.\$3.50
- Images of Portland by Bob McDougall.....\$20
- St. Clements by Pru Taylor and TJ Palmer.....\$15
- Previous Year Calendars.....\$5
- Antique Photo Postcards\$.75 each or 3/\$1
- Antique Pictures Magnets ... \$2 ea, 3/\$5, set 20/\$30
- Portland Scenes Notepad.. (50 pgs., 5 scenes) 2/\$3
- Portland Historical Society Pen\$2
- Portland Scenes Tea Towel\$5
- Portland Scenes/Floral Notecards ...\$3, 2/\$5, 5/\$10

Please include \$2 shipping per \$10 of order
Purchases help toward Society projects
Call 860-342-0433 to order or mail to: Portland Historical
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